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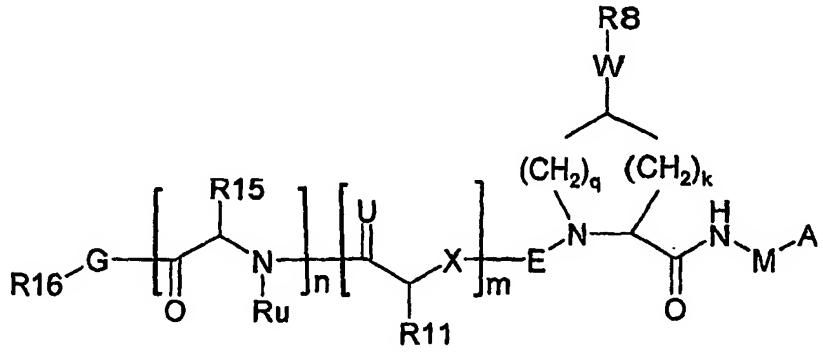

(57) Abstract: Compounds of the formula (F) where the variables are as defined in the specification inhibit the NS3 protease of flavivirus sych as hepatitis C virus (HCV). The compounds comprise a novel linkage between a heterocyclic P2 unit and those portions of the inhibitor more distal to the nominal cleavage site of the native substrate, which linkage reverses the orientation of peptidic bonds on the distal side relative to those proximal to the cleavage site.

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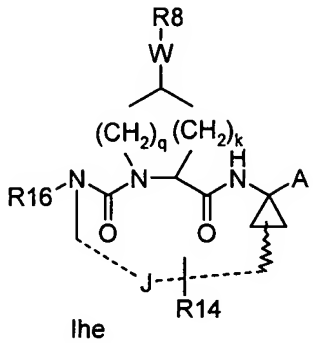
New claims

57. A compound according to claim 1 with the formula Ihe



Ihe

wherein

R^{16} is H, or C_1-C_6alkyl;

J is a single 3 to 10-membered saturated or partially unsaturated alkylene chain;

q is 1 and k is 1;

A is C(=O)OR^1, or C(=O)$NHSO_2R^2$, wherein

R^1 is hydrogen or C_1-C_6alkyl;

R^2 is C_1-C_6alkyl, C_0-C_3alkylcarbocyclyl, C_0-C_3alkylheterocyclyl;

W is -O- or -OC(=O)NH-;

R^8 is C_0-C_3alkylaryl or C_0-C_3alkylheteroaryl, either of which is optionally mono, di, or tri substituted with R^9, wherein;

R^9 is C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, NO_2, OH, halo, trifluoromethyl, amino or amido optionally mono- or di-substituted with C_1-C_6alkyl, C_0-C_3alkylaryl, C_0-C_3alkylheteroaryl, carboxyl, aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted with R^{10}; wherein

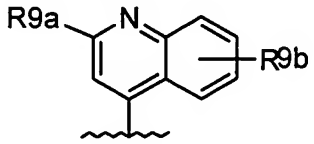
R^{10} is C_1-C_6alkyl, C_3-C_7cycloalkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl amide, sulfonylC_1-C_3alkyl, NO_2, OH, halo, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl or heteroaryl.

58. A compound according to claim 57, wherein J is a single 5- or 6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated alkylene chain.

59. A compound according to claims 57 or 58, wherein J is monounsaturated.

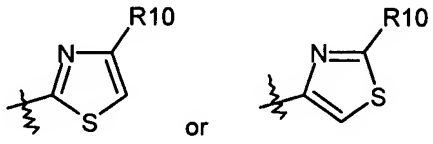
60. A compound according to claim 59, wherein J has one double bond spaced one carbon atom from the cyclopropyl group depicted in formula Ihe.

61. A compound according to claim 57-60, wherein R^8 is the group



wherein R^{9a} is C_0-C_3alkylaryl, C_0-C_3alkylheteroaryl, or C_0-C_3alkylheterocyclyl; said aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl being optionally substituted with R^{10}
wherein R^{10} is C_1-C_6alkyl, amino, amino mono- or disubstituted with C_1-C_6alkyl or NHC(=O)C1-C6alkyl; and
R^{9b} is C_1-C_6-alkoxy; or
R^8 is C_0-C_3alkylaryl wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1-2 substituents selected from C_0-C_3alkylheterocyclyl and trifluoC_1-C_6alkyl; and wherein the C_0-C_3alkylheterocyclyl is optionally substituted with R^{10}.

62. A compound according to claim 61, wherein R^{9a} is



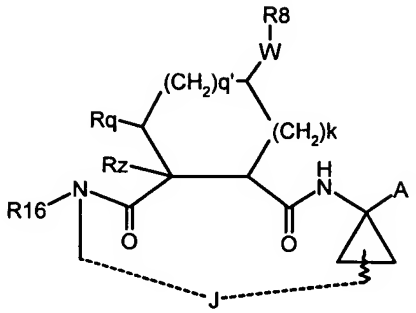
wherein R^{10} is H, C_1-C_6alkyl, amino, amino mono or disubstituted with C_1-C_3alkyl.

63. A compound according to any of claims 57-62, wherein A is $C(=O)NHS(=O)_2R^2$.

64. A compound according to claim 63, wherein R^2 is optionally substituted cycloalkyl, preferably cyclopropyl.

New claims

58. A compound according to claim 1 with the formula VIhe:



VIhe

wherein

R^{16} is H, C_1-C_6alkyl or C_0-C_3alkylcarbocyclyl;

J is a single 3 to 10-membered saturated or partially unsaturated alkylene chain;

Rz is H;

Rq is H;

q' is 0 and k is 1;

A is $C(=O)OR^1$ or $C(=O)NHSO_2R^2$, wherein

R^1 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_0-C_3alkylcarbocyclyl, C_0-C_3alkylheterocyclyl;

R^2 is C_1-C_6alkyl or C_0-C_3alkylcarbocyclyl;

W is -O- or -OC(=O)NH-;

R^8 is C_0-C_3alkylaryl, or C_0-C_3alkylheteroaryl, either of which is optionally mono, di, or tri substituted with R^9, wherein;

R^9 is C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, NO_2, OH, halo, trifluoromethyl, amino or amido optionally mono- or di-substituted with C_1-C_6alkyl, C_0-C_3alkylaryl, C_o-C_3alkylheteroaryl, carboxyl, aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted with R^{10}; wherein

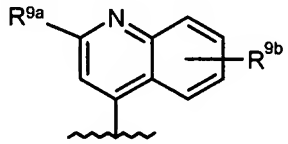
R^{10} is C_1-C_6alkyl, C_3-C_7cycloalkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl amide, sulfonylC_1-C_3alkyl, NO_2, OH, halo, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl, or heteroaryl.

59. A compound according to claim 58, wherein J is a 5- or 6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated alkylene chain.

60. A compound according to claims 58 or 59, wherein J is monounsaturated.

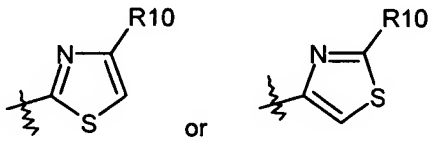
61. A compound according to claim 60, wherein J has one double bond spaced one carbon atom from the cyclopropyl group depicted in formula VIhe.

62. A compound according to any of claims 58-61 wherein R^8 is the group



wherein R^{9a} is C_0-C_3alkylaryl, C_0-C_3alkylheteroaryl or C_0-C_3alkylheterocyclyl; said aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl being optionally substituted with R^{10}; wherein R^{10} is C_1-C_6alkyl, amino mono- or di-substituted with C_1-C_6alkyl; R^{9b} is C_1-C_6alkoxy; or
R^8 is C_0-C_3alkylaryl wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1-2 substituents selected from C_0-C_3alkylheterocyclyl and trifluoC_1-C_6alkyl; and wherein the C_0-C_3alkylheterocyclyl is optionally substituted with R^{10}.

63. A compound according to claim 62, wherein R^{9a} is

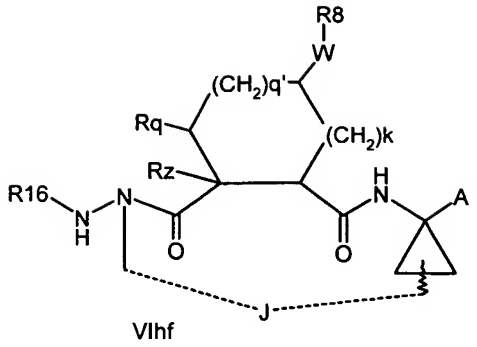


wherein R^{10} is H, C_1-C_6alkyl, amino, amino mono or disubstituted with C_1-C_3alkyl.

64. A compound according to any of claims 58-63, wherein A is $C(=O)NHS(=O)_2R^2$.

65. A compound according to claim 64, wherein R^2 is optionally substituted cycloalkyl, preferably cyclopropyl.

66. A compound according to claim 1 with the formula VIhf:



VIhf

wherein

R^{16} is H, C_1-C_6alkyl;

J is a single 3 to 10-membered saturated or partially unsaturated alkylene chain;

Rz is H;

Rq is H;

q' is 0 and k is 1;

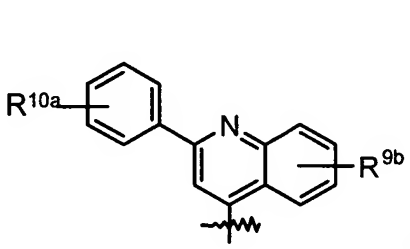
A is $C(=O)OR^1$ or $C(=O)NHSO_2R^2$, wherein

R^1 is hydrogen or C_1-C_6alkyl;

R^2 is C_1-C_6alkyl or C_0-C_3alkylcarbocyclyl;

W is -O-;

R^8 is a group selected from



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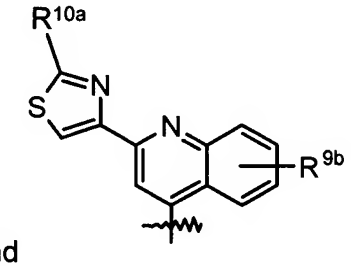

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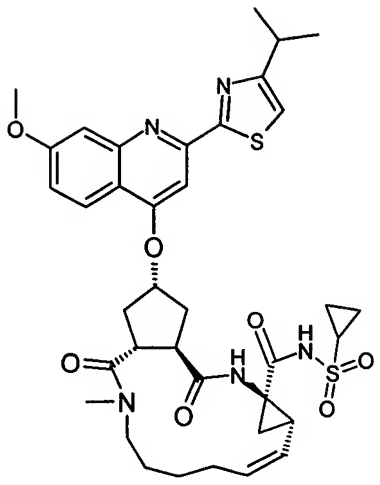
wherein

R^{10} is H, C_1-C_6alkyl, amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with C_1-C_6alkyl and R^{9b} is C_1-C_6alkoxy.

67. A compound according to claim 58 with the formula



68. A compound according to claim 58 with the formula